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Dear Bevan

As you know the NZ Transport Agency has commenced a single stage business case for a shared walking and cycling path across the Waitemata Harbour. This is strategically important to completing the Auckland cycling network.

Officials working on the business case have reviewed several options (including the Skypath option). As part of this process, the Transport Agency has sought to work with the SkyPath Trust, but the Trust has not yet allowed the Transport Agency to access or assess the necessary documentation. The Transport Agency has also sought permission to engage with the consultants who designed SkyPath and this has also not taken place. This has slowed the process considerably.

The Transport Agency has been tasked with building a walking and cycling path across the Waitemata Harbour, and we will. But we cannot include the Skypath proposal in this work if we aren't able to assess it properly.

As we have said previously, we are prepared to pay \$1.6 million for the intellectual property but only if we can assess it and it is the best option available. As I understand it, this is not acceptable to you.

I give you my assurance as the Chair of the NZTA Board that if we use any of the Skypath Trust's intellectual property we will pay for it. If we use the Trust's full proposal we will pay the full amount of \$1.6 million, if we use some of the Trust's proposal we will scale the payment appropriately. But be very clear, I cannot, and will not, allow public money to be used to pay for information that we have not assessed and may be of no value. I expect you wouldn't really expect us to do otherwise.

I invite you to review your position so that we can provide the best option for New Zealanders to walk and cycle across the Waitemata Harbour.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Michael Stiassny
Chair
NZ Transport Agency Board